
NO. 484
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
February 1, 2007
MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG offices in Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by President Yvonne Burke, Supervisor, County of Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Yvonne B. Burke, President, Los Angeles County	
Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest, 2 nd Vice President	District 13
Hon. Gary Ovitt, 1st Vice President, San Bernardino County	
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme, Immediate Past President	District 45
Hon. Chris Norby, Orange County	
Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside County	
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	District 8
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach	District 14
Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Robert Hernandez, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. John Beauman, Brea	District 22
Hon. Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32

Hon. Barbara Messina, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena	District 36
Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC

Members Not Present

Hon. Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Hon. Paul Glabb, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Todd Campbell, Burbank	District 42
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Hon. Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Hon. Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Hon. Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Los Angeles	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Hon. Jose Huizar, Jr., Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles	At-Large
Hon. Andy Masiel, TASIN	
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Joanna Africa, Deputy Counsel
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Comments were presented by Charles Griffin, Private Citizen, in support of a Maglev system. Cathy Wahlstrom, City of Ontario, presented a letter previously submitted that outlined concerns from the City of Ontario regarding the RHNA.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 3.1.2 was removed for discussion. MOVED (Brown) SECONDED (Messina) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of January 4, 2007 Meeting

It was requested that the minutes reflect Councilmember Messina was in attendance.

3.1.3 10th Annual Regional Economic Forecast Conference

3.1.4 Contract Amendment over \$75,000

3.1.5 Add funds to Sole Source Contract with Lindell L. Marsh

3.2 Receive & File -

3.2.1 Contracts/Purchase Orders and MOUs between \$5,000 - \$250,000

Staff was commended for their outstanding work in this area.

3.2.2 CFO Monthly Financial Report for December 2006

Item Pulled

3.1.2 Resolution #07-484-2 regarding the RHNA Appeals Board

Joanne Africa, Deputy Counsel, stated that the report was changed to reflect that the resolution had been amended. Ms Africa also outlined the amended appeals procedure to address a revision process that's required under SB 12.

Ms. Africa presented two options that were also presented at the CEHD committee for consideration. The CEHD supported option two and recommended Regional Council approval.

A motion was made (Brown) to approve Resolution #07-484-2. Motion was SECONDED (Stone). The motion passed.

4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 Committee Appointments

Regional Council

Hon. Linda Parks, Supervisor, County of Ventura

Regional Council District Election Results

District # 3 Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley (Re-elected)

District # 5 Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula (Re-elected)

District # 63 Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore (Re-elected)

Regional Council Members to Policy Committees

Hon. Tonia Reyes Uranga, to EEC

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

Representing Gateway Cities COG to CEHD:

Hon. Anne Bayer, Downey

Hon. Diane DuBois, Lakewood

Hon. Laura Lee, Cerritos

Representing San Gabriel Valley COG to CEHD:

Hon. Joe Mosca, Sierra Madre

Representing South Bay Cities COG to EEC:

Hon. Kelly McDowell, El Segundo

Compass Partnership

Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside County, Chair

Greg McWilliams, Lennar Homes, Vice Chair

Solid Waste Task Force

Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights

Water Policy Task Force

Hon. Chris Cagle, Redondo Beach

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS

AQMD: Conflict Resolution Committee

Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside

Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut

NARC & CALCOG

Hon. John Edney, El Centro, Delegate

Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach, Alternate

4.2 **Report on Consensus Trip to Washington, D.C.**

Don Rhodes, Manager, Government Affairs, presented a brief report on the upcoming consensus trip scheduled for March 2007.

4.3 **Update on Leadership Development and Training Opportunity**

President Burke stated SCAG is launching a leadership development and training program for the elected officials serving on Regional Council and Policy Committees.

Rick Callahan gave a short presentation on the program. Mr. Callahan works at USC and oversees the consultant team for the Leadership Development Program. Interested applicants should contact Barbara Dove, SCAG staff, for details and requirements for the program.

5.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5.1 **Report from the Executive Director**

Mark Pisano stated that his report was previously mailed. He stated that he was available to address any questions from the Regional Council members.

Councilmember Washburn requested a task force be formulated with the primary goal of recommending how SCAG could have a voice in determining how the legislature and state deal with the funds authorized through the bonds.

After a lengthy conversation Mark Pisano was asked to return with a mechanism that would provide direction of next steps and how SCAG could successfully proceed on this issue.

6.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 **Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Report**

Resolution approving the RHNA final methodology and Draft Housing Allocation Plan

Councilmember Bowlen, Chair, stated that after a lengthy discussion, the CEHD recommended adopting the RHNA Final Methodology and Draft Housing Needs Allocation, and directed the start of the Appeals Process. Mr. Bowlen MOVED the CEHD recommendation to approve. The motion was seconded by Young.

Public Comment

Mark Asturis, City of Irvine, presented comments in favor of the revision process. He asked if SCAG could look at the overall methodology, and not include the additional units that the county is producing in the affordability ratios. Mr. Asturis indicated that it would be preferable for those units to be included into the above moderate category.

There were also comments made regarding the application of the methodology within the Inland Empire. It was also reported that there was resolution regarding the Native American land issue.

Rich Bishop, Executive Director, WRCOG, presented comments on the RHNA as well as comments on SB 12 legislation.

After a lengthy discussion the question was called. Motion made (Baldwin) to end debate. Motion was SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Councilman McCallan offered a substitute motion to approve the methodology with the exception that the 3 ½ vacancy rate be applied to the total housing stock (the existing as well as the increments) The motion was SECONDED for discussion (Barnes). Several Regional members provided comments. In addition, Colin Lennard, General Counsel, advised that the approval of the substitute motion could lead to numbers being generated and an additional public hearing to be held. A vote was taken on the substitute motion. There were 11 AYES and 34 NOES. The substitute motion failed.

Since the substitute motion failed, a vote on the main motion was taken to adopt the RHNA Final Methodology and Draft Housing Needs Allocation with direction for staff the start the Appeals Process. There were 33 AYES and 12 NOES. The motion passed.

6.2 **Administration Committee Report**

6.2.1 **Annual Financial Report**

A presentation was provided by Gilbert Vasquez, Vasquez & Company. Wayne Moore, CFO, stated that Mr. Vasquez prepared the 2006 Audit. The Regional Council thanked Vasquez and Company for a job well done.

6.3 **Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report**

There was no report.

6.4 **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report**

Councilmember Washburn, Chair, announced that the EEC selected Mike Mohajer as recipient of the 2007 Regional Champion Award. Mr. Mohajer is a former employee of the County of Los Angeles who currently works on waste management issues as well as other environmental issues.

Councilmember Washburn also announced that the Water Policy Task Force will be changing their meeting date to the fourth Thursday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22nd at 10:00 a.m. The February meeting will be held at the headquarters of the Metropolitan Water District.

6.5 **Communications & Membership Subcommittee Report**

Councilmember Glen Becerra, Chair, announced that Lisa Howard was selected to receive the Regional Champion Award for Media. Ms. Howard is an award winning reporter known for her publications in the Antelope Valley. She has also provided considerable press coverage of SCAG issues in the Antelope Valley.

7.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1 **Report on Number of Proposals Received in Response to SCAG Solicitations**

Wayne Moore provided a briefing on this item. Mr. Moore indicated that at the January 4, 2007 Regional Council (RC) meeting, questions were raised regarding the low number of proposals that were being received in response to Request for Proposals (RFP). Similar questions were raised in March 2006. To respond to the questions raised last year, SCAG contracts staff surveyed firms for each RFP with a budget over \$25,000 that was released from July 2005 through March 8, 2006. SCAG received a variety of responses, which we categorized to determine the main reason for the low proposal submittals.

In the survey conducted last year, more than one-half (56 percent) of the reasons for not submitting a proposal were because the firms lacked staff/resources or required expertise.

Twelve percent felt there was insufficient time to respond to the RFP. Other reasons included the perceived lack of budget, inability to meet project schedule and inability to team up with a prime contractor. the last two years, numerous steps have been taken to encourage competition in bidding for SCAG projects. As a result of past efforts, the number of proposals received in response to solicitations during FY 2006-2007 has increased by 34 percent when compared to the FY 05-06 survey period:

8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

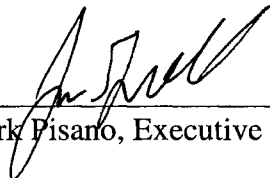
There were no future agenda items.

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Council is scheduled for March 1, 2007 at SCAG offices in Los Angeles.



Mark Pisano, Executive Director